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In re application of  
Tsuneo TAKAHASHI et al.  
Serial No. 09/786,442  
Filed March 5, 2001

RECEPTOR PROTEIN AND METHOD FOR  
THE DIAGNOSIS OF AN INFLAMMATORY  
DISEASE BY USING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed March 5, 2001 and prior to the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 13, replace first full paragraph as follows:

--Likewise, if there can be obtained substances which individually act specifically on different types of seven-pass transmembrane receptors (for example, the chemokine receptors), such substances may possibly lead to development of novel pharmaceuticals which each selectively suppress a specific inflammatory reaction and the like.--